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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 2003

The Honorable Gary Locke
Governor of Washington
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

Dear Governor Locke:

I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the State of Washington due to damage resulting from severe storms and flooding on October 15-23, 2003. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected area.

Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and the Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Anthony Russell of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,


George W. Bush